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Grand Knights Report – May 2014

May is known for flowers. In Alberta May can be the most beautiful month of the year. It is a warm, spring like month, which is why so many different types of flowers bloom. If the flowers are not yet blooming in Northern Alberta, the Knights of Council 4742 are definitely are. Blooming with Pride that is! The month of May got off to a great start with a very successful evening of entertainment and reflection as Council 4742 hosted the ever-popular Thank God For Marriage. The evening started with local playwrights Rooney and Punyi and two of their close friends characterizing with song, the joys, sorrows, happiness, exhaustion, sadness, and finally blissful satisfaction that two people can only get in Marriage. We were asked to reflect on what we'd seen at our tables with our spouses then to share with the rest of the table, capped off with a kiss. What is a Knights sponsored event without good food! Catering to your Taste again provided a beautiful desert buffet that perfectly capped off the evening.

Blue Sunday was held the same weekend as Thank God for Marriage so the organizing committee was a little worried we may have stretched our Knights volunteers a little too much considering it was also the last Pancake Breakfast of the Columbian Year. There was no need to worry as Brother Knights were out in number the entire day. The 9:00 a.m. sitting was surprisingly very well attended. Then came the 11:00 a.m. mass with a record turnout of men and women from the Military, Police, Firefighters, EMS, and Correctional Officers. The local Legion provided an Honour Guard to compliment the Knights 4th Degree Honour Guard. We had not one but two Chaplains co-celebrate the mass with Fr. Andrew. When Fr. Andrew called the men and women being honoured at the mass to the front of the altar for a blessing, all I can say was it was very emotional to see so many men and women that serve our country all in one place. Of course the honour guards were marched in and out to the beautiful and haunting bagpipes that add regality to the affair, if there wasn't enough already. The Church Hall was full for the 11:00 a.m. sitting as we hosted our Guests including our Worthy State Secretary Br. Ron Schuster to a delicious breakfast. This event is the perfect way to end our Pancake Breakfast's for the year. A big thank-you to the organizing committee for the Blue Sunday mass led by Br. Gerry Buccini. An equally big thank-you to the Pancake Breakfast group of Brothers led by Br. Urban Stang. We look forward to the first Pancake Breakfast of 2014/15 on Sunday, September 7th.

The Parish Country Fair will be held on Sunday, June 8th. The Parish is trying something different for the food at the event, giving the Knights the afternoon off to enjoy the event with their families. We will be looking for volunteers to help set-up for the outdoor mass on Sunday morning as well as volunteering to man the Jumpy Thing Slide as well as the fishing contest at our ship. Please consider helping out.

Still looking for something cooked over the Barbeque? Well don't fret. Our year-end Wrap Barbeque is scheduled for Friday, June the 13th. We will start the evening with a mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a bit of time to socialize before a barbequed dinner catered by Catering to your Taste. We will then share the successes of Council 4742 over the past Columbian Year as well as announce our Knight of the Year award winner as well as runner-up's. We will also be making a special presentation to a very special couple at this event. Please plan to attend this wrap-up and join us in celebrating a very successful 2013/14 Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

Please bring a copy of this Beacon to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.



Blue Sunday

The pictures at the left were taken at the Blue Sunday Mass. The Blue Sunday Mass was well attended and is the only one of its kind in Alberta. Rumour has it that Calgary will be offering one there next year.



Good of the Order

For the repose of the soul of :
Craig Keane, the son of Brother Gerry Keane

**Please pray
for Brothers who are ill
David Biollo Sr.
Armand Carignan
Fern Carignan
Ernest Sokolan
Al Stephenson
Rick Silvestri**

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

21, Wednesday - General meeting - **ELECTIONS**
Grandin Room 7:00PM

June

2, Monday - Executive meeting. Grandin Room
6:30PM

8, Sunday - Parish Country Fair

13, Friday - Council B-B-

**Obtain your
Grocery Gift
Cards before or
after Mass.**



Mark your calanders

We have 3 new candidates and are planning a
First Degree Ceremony on October 15, 2014.

It 's Summertime!

Remember that Grocery cards are available and we are more dependant on our projects because of the absence of income from Casinos and Bingos. Watch the website for upcoming events!

Remember the BBQ on June 13th

Our Annual meeting is on May 21, see you there!

May 2014 Meeting

Ten Commandments

The Ninth Commandment

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
"Our Father..."

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

"You shall not covet your neighbor's wife."

Brothers, the ninth commandment does not forbid desires, but rather, it forbids disordered desires. "The 'covetousness' against which Sacred Scripture warns is the rule of impulses over the mind, the dominion of urges over the whole person, and the sinfulness that this causes, (Youcat 462)." What does this phrase mean when translated into English? The attraction between men and women has been created by God and therefore it is a good thing. Erotic attraction is part of our human sexuality and our biological makeup. This God-given attraction between men and women ensures the desire of man and woman to unite with one another in intimate love. The fruit of this love may very well result with the gift of new life in the world. The fruitful love between husband and wife enriches the human race as well as God's church here in the world, and this is an essential component of our humanity and our society.

The family of course is the bedrock foundation of the society in which we are all part of. In fact, the family is the cornerstone of God's creation that He has blessed us to care for until He comes again, and He will. So when we consider the critical nature and importance of the family unit, which is defined as the marriage of one man to one woman, the ninth commandment exists to safeguard the cornerstone of God's creation, to keep order and to continue to build up the world and God's church. Our sexual energy like any form of energy must be used in a controlled environment which, from a sexual perspective must be maintained within the covenantal married relationship between a man and a woman.

The Reflection

(To be read by the leader)

What does this require from you and me in order that we may live our lives faithfully and with purity of heart? "The purity of heart required for love is achieved in the first place through union with God in prayer. When God's grace touches us, this also produces a path to pure, undivided human love, (CCC 2520)." Brothers, when our hearts are pure, when we turn to God with sincere intentions, He transforms our hearts. God gives us the strength to follow His will and the strength to reject impure thoughts, fantasies and desires. To view another man's wife or any other woman with less than the dignity

that is inherently theirs as children of God is wrong. Further, it demeans the beauty of our own marital relationships with our spouses. When we covet someone, it demeans their dignity, our spouse's dignity and our own dignity. It is a selfish act that we allowed to come about because we are unable or unwilling to control our own human sexuality.

Brothers, we are not bullet-proof, but awareness of the pitfalls that will come from not maintaining appropriate custody of our eyes and our minds will assist us in our journeys through this life. A beautiful woman is indeed another wonderful sign of God's magnificent creation. Let us appreciate this beauty, let us give God the credit that is His due for this beauty that is such an integral part of His creation, and then brothers, let us give thanks for the wonderful gifts of our wives/girlfriends that our Lord has blessed us with. My experience has been that when we bring God into the conversation, the tendency for lustful and covetous thoughts is dramatically minimized.

Remember the three transcendentals, (those things which do not change), the Good, the Beauty and the Truth. My brothers in Christ, we need to be grateful for the truth, for beauty and for the good. These are gifts of God's creation to us. At the same time we need to be mindful that these gifts are from God and they are for our appreciation and enjoyment. They are God's gifts and we are to be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to us. At a time unknown to us, He will come again. At this point He will ask us for a final accounting of our stewardship and care of these gifts. The Golden Rule holds as true as ever here. We expect to be treated with dignity. We must strive to always treat others with the same dignity that is our inherent right as children of God.

Mediation Period

(The leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray:

"Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen".